

Investigating a new park for Wallan

Investigating a new park for Melbourne's growing communities

The Suburban Parks Program is creating and planning a more connected, immersive and shared open space network across Melbourne, where our waterways, trails and cool, green streets meet local pocket parks, urban parks and bushland.



Since 2018, the Victorian Government has committed over \$315 million through the Suburban Parks Program to create, connect, plan for and upgrade more than 6,500 hectares of open space across metropolitan Melbourne.

What is the wallan wallan Regional Park Feasibility project?

The project conducted a feasibility study to investigate the opportunity for a new park at Wallan, in Melbourne's north.

The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung name for the Wallan region is 'wallan wallan'. The traditional name, which is not capitalised, is used when referring to the potential park.

The feasibility study assessed an area of open space within the North Growth Corridor to inform the location, opportunities, and challenges for creating a new park near Wallan. The assessment considered potential linkages with the marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands and the Kalkallo Retarding Basin.

What are the next steps?

The feasibility study was undertaken from 2020-2022 and the report, *Feasibility for wallan wallan Regional Park Report* is now complete.

The study is available by request from the project team after being endorsed by the Minister for Environment, and acquitting the election commitment. No Victorian Government commitment has been made to create the new park.

¹ The Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action's [Victoria in Future report 2019](#).

Why was the feasibility study developed?

The population of Wallan is expected to grow to 43,712 by 2041¹. Given this rapid growth, it is important to investigate the feasibility of a regional park to understand opportunities to:

- improve community health and wellbeing
- protect nature
- strengthen cultural heritage
- address climate change
- attract jobs, investment, skilled people, and visitors to Melbourne's growing suburbs.





Who are the project partners and stakeholders?

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action completed the feasibility study in collaboration with:

- Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Mitchell Shire Council
- Whittlesea City Council
- Melbourne Water
- Yarra Valley Water
- Victorian Planning Authority
- Parks Victoria
- Department of Transport and Planning
- Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions
- Merri Creek Management Committee
- Nature Glenelg Trust
- Friends of Merri Creek
- Wallan Environment Group

Study Location

The feasibility study considered an area near Beveridge and Wallan, around 50 kilometres north of Melbourne's CBD, on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People.

Where can I find more information?

Further information is on the [Suburban Parks Program website](#).

You can email the project team at: suburban.parks@deeca.vic.gov.au.

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